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**BHMA 2008 SUMMER MEETINGS WILL UPDATE MEMBERS ON STANDARDS PROGRAM,
CODE DEVELOPMENTS AND INDUSTRY TRENDS**

New York, NY (May 13, 2008) — The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) will hold its Summer Meeting next month in Memphis, TN, to continue the development of those standards currently open, brief members on the proceedings of the recent International Code Council (ICC) Code Development hearings, and form new committees including one focused on residential building hardware.

The BHMA 2008 Summer Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Downtown Memphis, June 23-25. Key company managers in the builders hardware industry will come together June 23 to review and plan BHMA's activities and action plans including the association's ongoing participation in the International Code Council's 2007/2008 Code Development Process.

"BHMA assumes a critical role in the building hardware industry because of the diligence of our strategic teams and technical committees," said Ralph Vasami, BHMA's executive director. "This year's Summer Meeting brings members together for in-person assessments of the midyear progress of our committees including our renowned product standards and certification program."

Technical committee meetings will review ANSI/BHMA standards covering auxiliary locks and delayed egress locking systems, as well as the development of new product standards for floor path egress lighting, lites and louvers, and multipoint locks.

BHMA's Codes and Government Affairs Committee will receive a full report on the International Codes Council's (ICC) Code Development hearings held in February in Palm Springs, CA.

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About BHMA

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association is an industry leader in building safety and security. BHMA is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for locks, closers, exit devices and other builders hardware. The widely known ANSI/BHMA A156 series of standards describes and establishes the features and criteria for specific types of hardware products. In addition, BHMA sponsors third-party certification of hardware products, which is a requirement for a product to bear the “BHMA Certified” mark — insuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard. For more information on BHMA, please write to BHMA, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15 Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at www.buildershardware.com.

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